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Leader who modernised Australian society

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BoE launches review after payments crash

Real-time gross settlement system was down for more than 9 hours

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First factory in pivotal China car market to feed voracious domestic demand

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Wealthier generation has the time, money and superfast broadband to embrace the digital age

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Third-quarter results blow to largest shareholder Warren Buffett’s Berkshire Hathaway

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European stocks slip while Nikkei jumps 4%

BWin bounces amid wider weakness

Oil stocks lead the FTSE 100 lower

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Cost of buying insurance against default jumps to five-year highs

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Exchange seeks to attract direct investment from mainland China

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Trading activity in high-yield bond ETFs increased sharply during periods of market volatility

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